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One of our tankers took this pass over the U.S. Naval carrier USS Lincoln in the Pacific Ocean during the naval RIMPAC exercise.

Photo by TSgt. Sheri Paplham

141st provided refueling support for naval RIMPAC exercise

By Maj. Kay Steward

The 141st Air Refueling Wing supported the RIMPAC exercise at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, as the lead refueling unit June 2-19. Two KC-135E's and 31 members of the 141st provided air refueling for the largest naval exercise of 2000 with more than 38,000 participants. The "Rim of the Pacific" or RIMPAC exercise was held May 27- June 29, 2000, and takes place every two years. "We flew 20 sorties and off-loaded 750,000 lbs. of fuel," said Maj. Andrew Rathbun. "We were extremely flexible with the Navy, accommodating last minute changes and picking up extra missions, which was quite appreciated."

The naval exercise, supporting the U.S. Third Fleet, had military participants from the United

States, Chile, South Korea, Australia, Great Britain, Canada, Japan, Philippines and Singapore. Several nongovernmental agencies such as the Red Cross and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund also participated. Nations of the Pacific Rim have shared an enduring need to practice cooperative engagement for humanitarian assistance feeling that events in the past 10 years have deemed the need plausible. To provide realistic training a "refugee" camp made up of 125 volunteers was constructed on the big island of Hawaii.

Fifty ships played in the war game in which the scenarios were developed from lessons learned in real-world operations.

Several print journalists from both military and civilian newspapers and broadcast journalists from Honolulu flew on the unit's

aircraft to report on the highly visible exercise that had a healthy economic impact on Honolulu. A story about the 141st's participation appeared on the front page of the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*.

A typical refueling mission for the 141st during RIMPAC was to refuel aircraft — F-18 Hornet jet fighters, EA-6B Prowlers and S-3B Vikings — from the carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

"Our maintenance people did an outstanding job getting our planes off on time," said Rathbun. "While we were at Hickam we had to replace one of our engines and following another mission we had a two-hour turn for one of our aircraft. After a flight, maintenance usually likes to have four hours to turn a plane around for the next flight but they did it in half the time. Lots of extra effort was given."

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SSgt. Ann Shrader is part of the Information Warfare Team at Camp Murray.

The virtual war replaces the Cold War

By SSgt. Wes Walton

The weapons: logic bombs, viruses, worms, trojan horses, and e-mail impostors.

Your defenses: firewalls, encryption, verification, and password software.

The battle field: inside your computer on the worldwide web, the internet, right now.

Things used to be different in the good old days of the Cold War. You knew where you stood with a highly visible security threat, the U.S.S.R. and their stockpiled nuclear arsenal. But, that was then and with the fall of communist Russia, this is now. We no longer have one great threat to national security, we have a hundred different threats. Some of the most dangerous of those threats exist in a world of zeros and ones, where pixels define your reality and any information is practically yours at a touch of a button.

In this virtual world, the enemy can be anyone with access and know how. Cybergangs of bored teenagers, espionage agents of foreign countries, terrorists, internet scam artists, hackers or your neighbor down the street who just logged on for the first time today.

"The Air Force has become increasingly dependent on information networks and information systems and in the future will become even more dependent on a secure, timely and accurate flow of information," according to Air Force Chief of Staff General Michael E. Ryan in an article with U.S. Air Force Online News.

Why send a million dollar laser-guided smart bomb to disable key elements if you might be able to accomplish the same thing with a couple thousand dollars worth of computer hardware?

Does the latest rash of email viruses like the "I LOVE YOU" bug worry you? Information warfare may seem far fetched, a fancy for science fiction enthusiasts, but to the Department of Defense, its serious.

"It's all about information," says Lt. Gen. William J. Donahue, Air Force Communications and Informations Center, saying in an interview with U.S. Air Force Online News, "The need to provide warfighters the information they need — information they can trust — is a key component of the expeditionary aerospace force concept."

That's why organizations like the Department of Defense's Defense Information System Agency, Air Intelligence Agency and our own Washington Air National Guard's Information Warfare Team (IWT) are cropping up everywhere. These organizations are working together to become the dominate force in information warfare.

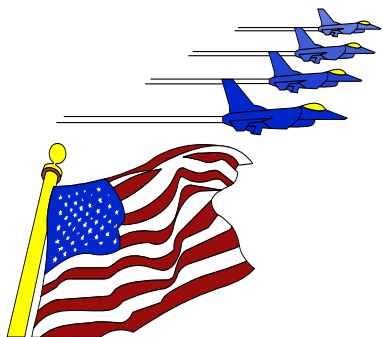
When asked how serious of a threat is posed to our nation's computer systems, Maj. Alonna Cliatt, Information Warfare Detachment Commander responded, "The threat to national information and infrastructure security is growing by leaps and bounds as more people gain access to computers and the internet. These threats range from unintentional damage caused by authorized users to malicious code and directed attacks initiated by terrorists or potentially by foreign militaries during war."

Thirty-three members strong and stationed at Camp Murray, the IWT has already conducted

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The mission of the *Jet Gazette* is to effectively communicate events and information of the 141st Air Refueling Wing to unit members, their families and retirees and to recognize personal and unit achievements within the wing.

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a number of exercises. Working to find ways for the Guard and Reserve to provide their Information Technologies' expertise to the DOD. The IWT looks for ways to give us a virtual first strike capability while protecting our key information systems from being exploited. SSgt. Michael Frady, an IWT team member and former vehicle maintenance technician for the 141st Air Refueling Wing, was given praise for recently developing an IWT tool kit, a CD-ROM comprised of various web-based applications. Also

joining him on the IWT is SSgt. Ann Schrader, an information manager from the 141st Logistics Squadron.

We might have won the Cold War, but the virtual war is still being fought. At least its comforting to know that organizations like the Washington Air National Guard Information Warfare Team are "on alert" and ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow, today.

Wing sends first female to pilot training

By Maj. Kay Steward

One of the advantages of joining an Air National Guard unit is the opportunity for career growth. Just look around. An overwhelming number of senior ranking members began their military careers as enlisted members who went on to complete a college degree (often with military educational assistance), got commissioned and progressed through the ranks.

One of the latest success stories for the 141st Air Refueling Wing is 1st Lt. Molly Baldwin, who recently completed her pilot training to fly KC-135's. For Lt. Baldwin, receiving her flying wings was her ultimate career goal. But it didn't come easy. It took years of patience and staying committed to her goal, along with considerable luck.

Would she encourage today's young people to follow her career path? "Of course, it's wonderful, especially in the Air National Guard," said Baldwin. "I had lots of folks come up to me in flight school and say 'if only I'd known about the ANG' —even those from the academy."

Baldwin first joined the Air National Guard 14 years ago in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she was assigned to life support. She often worked the night shift and occasionally the crew chiefs would let her launch and recover F-4's. That's when she started thinking seriously about flying. At that time, women were not allowed to fly planes with a direct combat mission, so flying with her unit in Nebraska was something she knew wasn't going to happen.

After three years she decided that if she was going to pursue her dream of flying she had



Photo by TSgt. Bob Harris

1Lt. Molly Baldwin

better join a unit where that was possible. So she moved to Spokane and joined the 141st ARW in life support. She previously attended the University of Nebraska and transferred to Eastern Washington University where she graduated with a double major in political science and psychology. In her civilian life she began a career with social services.

When the 141st was called up for Desert

Storm, she served in Cairo, Egypt. That experience further increased her interest in flying.

Upon returning from Desert Storm, she finally had the opportunity to meet a pilot board. She was selected but had one little obstacle to overcome. She was one inch too short and could only be accepted if a waiver could be granted. Waivers, however, are only approved when there is a dire need for pilots and at that time there were plenty in the system so the waiver was denied. Her superiors encouraged her to become a navigator. But that required a waiver as well. Determined to fly, she met a boom operator board in 1994 and became a full time boomer.

She was a boom operator for four years when another member of the unit returned from flight screening and discovered that females in other units were receiving height and age waivers. It seemed the supply and demand of pilots had shifted enough to where there was now a need for more pilots. Senior members of the 141st began a tremendous support campaign for Baldwin to push her height waiver through the system. Endurance and persistence paid off at last. She was finally accepted!

Following six weeks at the Academy of Military Science to receive her commission, she completed a rigorous year-long undergraduate pilot training class at Vance AFB, Oklahoma. Her class was



141st Medical Squadron Health Update on Tuberculosis

By Maj. Barry Pishko
Infection Control Officer

Guard members who deploy for AEF to areas considered by NGB military public health to be high risk for tuberculosis are

required to have a pre and post deployment skin test. Post deployment TB tests need to be taken within 90 days after returning home. This is not only for the protection of Guard members but for family members and the community as well.

Tuberculosis is a highly contagious infectious disease caused by mycobacterium tuberculosis. The symptoms are chest pain, coughing with blood tinged sputum, weakness, loss of weight, fevers and night

sweats. The germs are airborne and can spread by coughing, sneezing, laughing and singing.

A Guard member who receives a positive test result will be referred to the Spokane Health Department for tracking and to their private physician.

Spokane is a low risk environment and prompt treatment is needed to prevent the spread of the disease. Tuberculosis is treated by oral medications.

Wing now has four female pilots

Since the early 1970's there have been lots of firsts for women in the 141st. The first female firefighter, aircraft mechanic, security police, first sergeant, JAG, boomer, commander, navigator and finally pilot.

The number of female pilots in the wing has recently grown to four— Capt. Erica Plosa, 1st Lt. Molly Baldwin, Capt. Dawn Decker and Maj. Patty Morales.

The very first was Capt. Kim Northrup, who joined the unit in 1996 from the active duty and is no longer in the unit. The second was Capt. Erica Plosa, who also came from the active duty and has been flying with the 141st since 1999. Lt. Baldwin is the first “home grown” female pilot from the 141st who worked her way up from the enlisted force. Capt. Decker, a former navigator and prior enlisted member of the 141st, graduated from pilot training in July receiving the Flight Commander's Award, an award given to the student with the most dedication and perseverance. The newest female pilot in the 141st is Maj. Patty Morales, who is a former Reservist who flew C-141's at McChord AFB.

one of the first class to take part in a new joint military service program with classmates from the Navy, Marines and several foreign militaries. After undergraduate pilot training she spent four months at Altus AFB, also in Oklahoma, learning to fly the KC-135. She got to forgo the survivor and water survival classes because she already took them as a boom operator.

Baldwin says that even with years of mentally preparing herself for pilot training, the experience was different than she thought it would be. “I think you always have expectations, but it's never what you think. Everyone that goes through it has their own experience. It is definitely a weeding out program. It's very demanding. You get no sleep and there's lots of studying. We started with 30 in our class and ended with 27. Five of us, although, were female, which is pretty high.” The unit even sent a tanker down for her graduation.

Baldwin says the encouragement from her peers in operations and the wing couldn't have been better. Baldwin says she doesn't see male/female differences in how her job is approached. “Any kind of flying job attracts a certain personality type. We all blend together because we are all similar types of people with the same personality traits rather than gender differences — risk takers, very motivated and confident.”

Her husband, Greg Baldwin, and her family back in Nebraska couldn't be prouder. “They all stuck by me for the seven years it took to get to pilot training, even when it looked like it wasn't going to happen.” Her husband, who doesn't have a military background, even quit his job as a planner for county engineers to accompany her and give her support during pilot training. The civilian world is another story. When nonmilitary people find out she is a military pilot, there is a sense of disbelief. “I don't see it as such a big deal, but it's funny to me how they react. They say things like, ‘You're so little, how do you fly that big plane?’ I tell them its just like driving a big old bus!”

Now that she has achieved her career ambition, what is next for Lt. Baldwin? To work on a personal goal of her and her husband's — starting a family.

Dental program will soon be available to Guard members and their families

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2000 has included the Selected Reserve (members of the 141st ARW) and Individual Ready Reserve members and their respective family members as part of the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan.

Enrollment can be either on a single or family basis with services available February 1, 2001.

Two types of plans are available. One is a premium sharing plan that is available when the reservist is on active duty for more than 30 days. The enrollee pays 40 percent of the monthly premium and the government pays 60 percent. The premium for this plan is \$7.63 for single coverage and \$19.08 for family.

The second plan is the full premium plan in which the monthly premiums are the responsibility of the service member. This plan is for reservists who are not on active duty for more than 30 days. The full premium plan's monthly premium is \$19.08 for single coverage and \$47.69 for family.

Premiums are deducted from the member/sponsor's payroll account.

Annual maximum coverage will be \$1,200 and the lifetime orthodontic maximum is \$1,500.

More information on the plan and enrollment procedures will be available at a later date.

Reactivation of 70th Air Base Group

Wing history buffs will be interested in knowing that the Air Force is reactivating the 70th Air Base Group whose lineage goes back to the 70th Observation Group of WWII. It is being redesignated the 70th Intelligence Wing and will be headquartered at Fort Meade, Maryland. It will be one of two wings assigned to the Air Intelligence Agency. It will have three groups and 10 squadrons in the U.S. and overseas with approximately 3000-4000 personnel.

The 70th Observation Group was originally

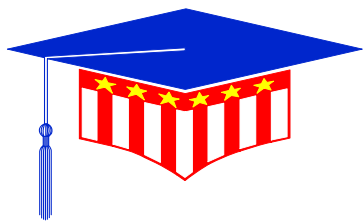
formed at Gray Field, Fort Lewis, Washington in September 1941 from two National Guard units, the 116th Observation Squadron, Washington Air National Guard and the 123rd Observation Squadron, Oregon National Guard. The 70th Observation Group's first commander, Maj. Hillford Wallace was from the 116 Observation Squadron. His photo is displayed with other previous commander's from our unit on the wall in the wing building of the 141st ARW.

The main duty of the 70th Observation Group was to conduct anti-submarine patrols off the west coast

and support training with ground forces. In 1943, the 116th was reassigned to Corvallis, Oregon, and was equipped with P-39s in addition to the O-47A aircraft they were already flying. The 116th was reassigned to two more locations, Redmond Army Air Field in Oregon and Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, where they were disestablished on November 30, 1943.

The 116th was re-established in the Washington National Guard in 1946.

News Briefs



Two New Airman Leadership School Graduates

SRA Melissa Merbach, operations, and SRA Jeremy Forbes, logistics, are the two newest ANG graduates of the Airman Leadership School held at Fairchild AFB. Merbach and Forbes were the only two Air National Guard members in this class. The other 21 students were all active duty.

The five-week school, held at the Deel Recreation Center on base, allows the airman to stay at home while they take the course. The other options are to go to McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Tennessee, or take the correspondence course. Completion of the course is a requirement for senior airman to be promoted to Staff Sgt.

"It was pretty intense," said Forbes. "It motivated me to supervise and realize my responsibilities."

According to MSgt. Dan Wilcox, Flight Chief at the Leadership School, the course has 186 academic hours. Subjects include communication, leadership, profession of arms, time management and disciplinary actions—all skills needed of lower level management.

"It really adds another point of view and perspective to have ANG members in the class," said Wilcox. "ANG members have experiences that our people don't necessarily have and vice versa."

Wilcox says the five-week in-residence leadership school began in the early '90s on Fairchild and is offered six times each year. There are usually one or two Guard slots available with each class. Senior Airman need to have 48 months time in service and be recommended by their supervisor and commander to attend. Interested airmen should contact their unit training managers.

Fairchild Scuba Club

Weekly dives are scheduled in the local area from June through October with an annual warm water Caribbean dive trip.

If you are a certified diver or are interested in getting started as a diver, please contact Michael Powell at 244-4797 or stop by the Deel Community Center at RTS Travel.

Garage Sale

The Top Three will be having a garage sale on Sep. 9 during the UTA to support the family Christmas party. If you have items in your attic or basement collecting dust, here is your chance to get rid of them. The sale is open to the public and will be held behind building 445 (OPS). For info call MSgt. Patty Van Abbema, ext. 7170 or MSgt Libby Hight, ext. 7100.

Diversity in your neighborhood

By MSgt. Jim Straub

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the ANG Diversity Survey. This is very important information for us to get a feel of how the ANG in Washington is doing with the national diversity effort. You will be hearing a lot more about diversity in the coming months.

Many of you were able to attend the presentation by Dr. Betances. I truly hope you enjoyed his presentation and you are more comfortable with the diversity effort that we are involved with. I talked with many of you and it seems to me that he had a positive effect on the unit. You can expect more talk about diversity training and where it will be done in the future. Currently, Major Troy Watson, Major Nancy Reid and myself are prepared to do the training but we are looking for a few other people who would like to go to a week-long training session to learn this information. The class will be sometime near the end of the year. This would be a great opportunity for you to get involved with training and advance your career.

If you have questions or concerns about this program, please contact me. My telephone number is 247-7075 or if you can leave me an e-mail at james.straub@wafair.ang.af.mil. My office is in the wing building.

Remember, diversity doesn't mean lowering our standards. It is not about counting heads, it's about making heads count.

Volunteers still needed for Habitat for Humanity House

A few more volunteers are still needed for the USAA-sponsored Habitat House being built by military personnel. Active duty, Guard, Reserve or retired members are building this house. Workers are needed most Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 1730-2100. Also, most Saturdays, 0900-1530 workers are needed.

The house site is 619 South Napa. To schedule when you would like to work, call Chaplain Capt. Bruce Glover of the Fairchild AFB chapel, 247-2264 or for a contact within the Guard call SMSgt. Dave Maxwell, ext. 7290 or SMSgt. David Clouse, ext. 7297.

Washington National Guard Scholarship Program

The Washington National Guard Scholarship Program is a state funded retention program that provides scholarships to qualified soldiers/airmen for completed college courses. Members must be seeking a degree (undergraduate or graduate), maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and receive a 2.5 or better in the individual courses. The following individuals were awarded a scholarship in July 2000.

2Lt Keith Murphy
SrA Greg Bruner
TSgt William Mader
SSgt Gram McGregor
SrA Mark Scott
MSgt Cathy Ornburn
SMSgt Loretta Wilkening
2Lt Therese Anderson
SSgt Sandra Philips
TSgt Roni Bealer
SrA Robert Chandler
SrA Andrew Jenkins
SrA Katelyn Allers
TSgt David Stultz
SrA Patrick Morgan
SrA Elizabeth Delaney
SrA Patrick Morgan

Promotions

SMSgt

Donald S. Witmer 141 OSF

MSgt

Pamela Hamel 141 LS
Mary Weeks 141 ARW
Melinda Hirst 116 ARS
David Nelson 141 AGS
Robert Thompson 256 CCS
Mark Hodge 141 MXS
Dale Smith 141 OSF
Robert Williams 141 AGS
Merri Wallace 141 MXS
Stephen Nick 141 LS
Dennis Parshall 141 AGS
David Thornburg 141 SFS
James Nozawa 141 SFS
Steven Haxton 141 AGS
Kenneth McKee 141 AGS

TSgt

David Stack 141 CF
Martin Kuritz II 141 ARW
Stephen Waddell 116 ARS
Scott Jones 256 CCS
Todd Richmond 141 MXS
Dennis Lee 141 MDS

SSgt

Jeremy Forbes 141 LS
James McGovern 116 ARS
Sandy Kautzman 256 CCS
Frank Cronin 256 CCS
Melissa Merbach 116 ARS

SRA

Sherri Loy 141 MDS
Jennifer Smith 141 MDS
Dale Shelton 141 MXS
Jason Reid 256 CBCS
Terrance Hiatt 256 CBCS
Steven Baxter 256 CBCS
Erik Vandever 141 CES
James Barnett 256 CCS

AMN

Crystal Tyler 141 ARW



Photo by TSgt. Robert Harris

New Members

June

A1C Joel Preuninger 141 ARW
A1C Jesse Barton 141 LS
A1C Christina Cox 141 LS
SSgt Allegra Sykora 141 LS
A1C Frank Blacke 141 MXS
A1C Brandon Fenton 141 MXS
A1C Andrea Fischer 141 MXS
TSgt Curtis Puckett 141 MXS
SSgt Phillip Sloyer 141 MXS
SRA Janna Mitchell 141 OPS
SSgt Eugene Lewan 242 CBCS
A1C Andrew Rausch 242 CBCS
A1C Russell Dirks 256 CBCS
TSgt Kenneth Phipps 256 CBCS
A1C Haley Armstrong 560 Band

July

A1C Jason Wagner 141 CES
SSgt Roger Barnum 141 LS
A1C Tuesday Bruce 141 LS
AB Katie Ebbighausen 141 LS
A1C Cynthia McCorkle 141 LS
SRA Stacy Walter 141 LS
SSgt Shelley Dorland 141 MED
AB Eric Bieghler 141 MXS
SSgt James McDonald 141 LSF
SSgt Joseph Nesbitt 141 MXS
SRA Jeff Jenkins 141 SFS
SSgt George Schumacher 141 SPF
SRA Thomas Gottselig 141 MXS
SRA Bradley Welch 242 CBCS
SRA Ralph Hetzel 256 CBCS

Retirements

June

MSgt James P. Stewart 256 CBCS

July

TSgt Lillie Bond 141 LS
MSgt John Mitchell 141 CE
SMgt Daniel Maugha 242 CBCS

Aug

MSgt Dean Casci 256 CBCS

Naaaaame That Band!

The 560th Air Force Band members are running a contest and are asking unit members to help them name one of their ensembles. For many years, one of the groups has been dubbed "The German Band" and has played polkas, waltzes and other Bavarian-style music. The band is looking for a new name for this group.

Selection will be made by the senior staff and the newly-named band will play for the winner's unit during an upcoming drill.

All submissions must be received by 1600, Saturday, September 9, 2000. Multiple suggestions can be submitted with a single e-mail, but please give us the name of the creative talent. Include the words "Name the Band" in the subject line. We reserve the right to extend the contest deadline rather than make a final selection. E-mail your entry to Steve.Minnich@wafair.ang.af.mil.

New location for Special Assets

With the inevitable demolition of building 2000C, special assets has relocated to 2001C. Though it looks spacious, it's actually about 25 percent smaller than the old location. The move also gave the special assets section a chance to improve the process of filling B (cold weather), C (chemical) and E (desert items) bags upon deploying. The new 85-foot-long isles allow deploying members to start at the beginning of the line to fill their bag with the necessary items by selecting their own sizes as they

proceed down the isle. The old method required the special assets workers to build each person's assigned bag, utilizing the same bag each time. The new method saves time and allows for individuals to select their sizes, allowing for changes in sizes over the duration of their career.

Each item also has a sticker attached, enabling a scanning device to track the inventory, very much like a retail store saving time and money.

All mobility items and spare aircraft parts for the wing are stored in special assets. This system now parallels the same system the 92nd Special Assets has.

Staff Sgt. Michael Lewis, of special assets, demonstrates to Col. Jim Wynne how easy it is for him to fill his mobility bag with the new assembly-line method.

New title given to the band:

560th Air Force Band of the Northwest



Photo courtesy of PACAF Band

2Lt. James Phillips, band commander, marches the 560th Air Force Band of the Northwest in the 4th of July parade in Anchorage, Alaska.

In a move to regionalize the 11 Air National Guard Bands, the 560th will now be known as the 560th Air Force Band of the Northwest. The band was formerly referred to as the Band of the Evergreen State. Their area of responsibility now includes Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and North Dakota.

The reorganization of ANG bands is attributed to CMSgt Tom Schager, formerly of the 560th, who is now the chief of ANG Bands.

The 560th Band completed their annual summer concert

tour June 24 through July 8.

Local performances included Spokane's Riverfront Park, Coeur d'Alene Park, a rodeo parade at Newport and the Spokane Indians Ball Park.

The band also deployed to Anchorage, Alaska, where some of their performances were combined with the PACAF Band assigned to Elmendorf AFB.

The two bands performed in true Total Force Fashion, said SMSgt. Dave Rapp. "There was seamless interaction." They performed for a town square audience, the 4th of July parade and concert in the park.

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